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Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Sir, the allegation made in the question is a fact; so, when the information is received, will the hon. Member be pleased to see that this state of affairs is put an end to? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Yes, if necessary."

Depressed Classes

Aid to the Adi-Dravidas in Vishnuvakkam village.

* 573 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is true that the dwelling houses in the Cheri of Vishnuvakkam village No. 115 of Tiruvallur taluk are submerged in water every year in the rainy season; and

(*b*) what action the Government propose to take to safeguard the lives and huts of the Adi-Dravidas living there?

A.—(*a*) No. On occasions when the tank near the cheri surpluses, some water gets into the streets of the cheri.

(*b*) The Government are informed that the lives of the Adi-Dravidas are in no danger; but the Commissioner of Labour will be asked to see if arrangements can be made to improve the conditions.

Factories

Report by the Commissioner of Labour on the condition of labour prevailing in the beedi factories of Madras.

* 574 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. ARASU: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the late Commissioner of Labour, Mr. Grey, has submitted to Government a report on labour conditions in the beedi factories in the city of Madras; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place it on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government are unable to place the report on the table of the House.

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" I should like to know from the hon. the Home Member why the Government consider this report confidential? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—" Government will have to consider this report along with the Report of the Whitley Commission and until they do so, it is not possible for the Government to place the former on the table of the House."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" In view of the fact that notice has been given of a Bill to regulate the conditions of labour in beedi factories, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to place this report on the table?